GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REFINING CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crude oil refining capacity in the country has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated refining capacity during 2005-06;

(d) whether the refining capacities of the public sector oil refineries are fully utilized; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fully utilize the refining capacity of those refineries?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) and (b): The details of crude oil refining capacity for the last three years are given below:-

As on	Capacity in million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA)
1.4.2003	118.368
1.4.2004	127.368
1.4.2005	127.368

(c): The estimated refining capacity by 1.4.2006 would be 138.468 MMTPA.

(d) and (e): The actual capacity utilisation of Public Sector Oil refineries during 2004-05 was 98%. The capacity utilization was slightly lower than full capacity owing to planned shutdowns of Barauni Refinery, Mathura Refinery, Haldia Refinery and a fire accident at the Gujarat Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.